

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: REID et al.
Title: METHODS OF ISOLATING
HEPATIC PROGENITORS
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REPLY TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants in the subject matter received a Notice Regarding Drawings dated June 30, 2006 ("the Notice"), indicating that the drawings on record were not acceptable for reasons stated therein. On August 14, 2006, a representative for Applicants contacted Draftsman Chase in the Publications Department via telephone to discuss the Notice. During the telephone conversation, the representative noted that two sets of drawings were filed on the same date, one of which sets was thought to be in compliance with PTO drafting guidelines. Draftsman Chase agreed that one of the sets was, in fact, in condition for publication and that the Notice was likely the result of confusion caused by the two sets of drawings on record. Draftsman Chase also indicated that he would issue a new PTO-948 accepting the drawings on record. To date, however, Applicant has not received such confirmation and a check of PTO PAIR confirms that no new PTO-948 has been made of record.

In order remain responsive to the Notice and thereby avoid abandonment of the subject application, Applicants herewith submit another copy of the acceptable set of drawings. An Official Draftsperson is respectfully requested to approve these drawings for entry into the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 30, 2006

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